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CHAPTER 20:48:03.01

LICENSURE OF CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS

Section

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20:48:03.01:01. Approved education programs Application for licensure. An applicant for licensure as a clinical nurse specialist shall file with the board a written application that contains the following:

evidence that the applicant has completed a graduate program in nursing that is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency approved by the United States Department of Education. The education program must specifically prepare the nurse to function in the clinical nurse specialist role and include a clinical practicum that provides for integration of the functions of the clinical nurse specialist referred to in SDCL subdivision 36.9.87(1). Each applicant for licensure as a clinical nurse specialist must submit a set of fingerprints on a standard card provided by the board for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal criminal background check through the Division of Criminal Investigation. An authorization and release form must be signed by the applicant authorizing the release of the criminal history record to the board. The fingerprint card, authorization and release form, and fee for the criminal background check must accompany the application for licensure.

Any person whose education does not meet the requirements of this section before

November 1, 1996, must show evidence of a graduate degree in nursing with a clinical

component and evidence of clinical practice of at least 520 hours in a 12-month period or an accumulation of at least 1,040 hours during the 3-year period preceding licensure.

- (1) Evidence that the applicant has completed an advanced practice program in nursing that awards or confers a graduate degree, post graduate degree, or post graduate certificate, with a major in the role and population focus area of clinical nurse specialist, and is accredited by a nationally recognized nursing accrediting agency approved by the United States Department of Education. If the program does not have national accreditation, the program must be board approved in order to meet licensure requirements. An applicant who does not meet the requirement, who holds an active, unencumbered license as a clinical nurse specialist in another state, may request review of educational qualifications to meet licensure qualifications in this state;
- (2) Evidence that the applicant has passed a board-approved nationally recognized certification examination which is specific to the applicant's advanced practice registered nurse role and educational preparation, and maintains current certification;
 - (3) The fee required in chapter 20:48:06;
- (4) Evidence of holding an unencumbered South Dakota registered nurse license or privilege to practice;
- (5) A set of fingerprints on a standard card provided by the board for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal criminal background check through the Division of Criminal Investigation. An authorization and release form must be signed by the applicant authorizing the release of the criminal history record to the board. The fingerprint card, authorization and release form, and fee for the criminal background check must accompany the application for licensure. A permanent license may not be issued until the criminal background check is complete.

Source: 22 SDR 61, effective November 7, 1995; 26 SDR 174, effective July 4, 2000; 33

SDR 43, effective September 12, 2006; 41 SDR 12, effective July 31, 2014.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21(1), 36-9-86.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-9-86, 36-9-97.

20:48:03.01:04. Criteria for approval of examinations. The criteria to be used by the

board to approve the licensure examinations include:

(1) The examination is national in the scope of its credentialing;

(2) The examination is based on job analysis or role delineation studies and the

examination content is specified in a test plan that is available to the board and examinees;

(3) Examination items are reviewed for content validity, cultural sensitivity, and correct

scoring;

(4) Examinations are evaluated for psychometric performance and the passing standard is

established;

(5) Examination security is maintained;

(6) The eligibility requirements for the examination include a master's degree in nursing;

and

(7) A program for certification renewal is established.

If an examination is not available which includes eligibility requirements for a master's

degree, the applicant may petition the board for exception to subdivision (6) of this section

Repealed.

Source: 22 SDR 61, effective November 7, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21, 36-9-86.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-9-86.

CHAPTER 20:48:05

LICENSURE OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS

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20:48:05:01	Licensure of registered nurse anesthetist.
20:48:05:02	Repealed.
20:48:05:03	Repealed.
20:48:05:04	Repealed.
20:48:05:05	Temporary permit prior to licensure as nurse anesthetist.
20:48:05:06	Renewal of licensure.
20:48:05:07	Other rules affecting licensure.
20:48:05:08	Repealed.

20:48:05:01. Licensure of registered nurse anesthetist. An applicant for licensure as a certified registered nurse anesthetist shall file with the Board of Nursing an application containing the following: apply on the form provided by the board. The applicant shall provide written evidence that the applicant has completed an approved program of nurse anesthesia accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs. The applicant shall provide written evidence that the applicant has passed a board approved examination that has been validated and scored in accordance with generally accepted testing procedures. Applicants who have taken the qualifying examinations from January 1, 1983, to November 30, 1987, inclusive, shall provide written evidence that the applicant has passed, with a score of at least 175, a board approved examination that has been validated in accordance with generally accepted testing procedures. Those applicants who have taken the qualifying examinations prior to 1983 must show proof of passing the examination and evidence of meeting recertification requirements. The examination shall cover the areas of anatomy, physiology,

chemistry, pharmacology, and methods. The application shall be accompanied by the fee required in chapter 20:48:06. Each applicant for licensure as a certified registered nurse anesthetist must submit a set of fingerprints on a standard card provided by the board for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal criminal background check through the Division of Criminal Investigation. An authorization and release form must be signed by the applicant authorizing the release of the criminal history record to the board. The fingerprint card, authorization and release form, and fee for the criminal background check must accompany the application for licensure.

- (1) Evidence that the applicant has completed an advanced practice program in nurse anesthesia that awards or confers a graduate degree, post graduate degree, or post graduate certificate, and is accredited by a nationally recognized nursing accrediting agency approved by the United States Department of Education. If the program does not have national accreditation, the program must be board approved in order to meet licensure requirements. An applicant who does not meet the requirement, who holds an active, unencumbered license as a nurse anesthetist in another state, may request review of educational qualifications to meet licensure qualifications in this state;
- (2) Evidence that the applicant has passed a board-approved nationally recognized certification examination which is specific to nurse anesthesia, and maintains current certification;
 - (3) The fee required in chapter 20:48:06;
- (4) Evidence of holding an unencumbered South Dakota registered nurse license or privilege to practice;
- (5) A set of fingerprints on a standard card provided by the board for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal criminal background check through the Division of Criminal

Investigation. An authorization and release form must be signed by the applicant authorizing the release of the criminal history record to the board. The fingerprint card, authorization and release form, and fee for the criminal background check must accompany the application for licensure. A permanent license may not be issued until the criminal background check is complete.

Source: 3 SDR 35, effective November 11, 1976; 6 SDR 88, effective March 3, 1980; 9 SDR 151, effective May 30, 1983; 12 SDR 109, effective January 9, 1986; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 14 SDR 118, effective March 22, 1988; 33 SDR 43, effective September 12, 2006; 41 SDR 12, effective July 31, 2014.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21(1).

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-9-29, 36-9-30.1, 36-9-35, 36-9-97.

References:

Accredited Nurse Anesthesia Programs, Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs, May 2006. Copies may be obtained from the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs, 222 S. Prospect Ave., #Suite 304, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068. No cost. Program accreditation status may be retrieved from Website, http://www.aana.com/Accredited_Programs/accreditedprograms.asp?State=all.

[American Educational Research Association, American Psychological Association, and the National Council on Measurement in Education.] Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing, 1999 edition. Copies may be obtained from Test Standards, P.O. Box 465, Hanover, PA 17331. Cost: \$31.95.

CHAPTER 20:48:08

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

(Repealed)

Section

20:48:08:01 Repealed.

20:48:08:02 Repealed.

20:48:08:03 Repealed.

20:48:08:04 Repealed.

20:48:08:05 Repealed.

20:48:08:06 Repealed.

20:48:08:07 Repealed.

20:48:08:08 Notification to board of claimed misconduct.

20:48:08:09 Dismissal of claim of misconduct.

20:48:08:10 Action by staff representative.

<u>20:48:08:11</u> Investigation.

<u>20:48:08:12</u> Board action following notification of misconduct.

20:48:08:13 Repealed.

20:48:08:14 Answer.

<u>20:48:08:15</u> Publication of board actions.

Cross-References: Procedure to follow in licensing matters, SDCL 1-26-16 to 1-26-19.1.

20:48:08:08. Notification to board of claimed misconduct. Any person claiming that a holder of or applicant for a license or registration has engaged or is engaging in misconduct constituting grounds for disciplinary or corrective action may contact the board office either verbally or in writing stating that person's name and address, the name and address of the applicant, licensee, or registrant claimed to be guilty of misconduct, and full details of the claimed misconduct. The board's staff representative assigned to handle such matters may

require the person claiming misconduct to file with the board office a written complaint, verified on oath, providing the information referred to above Repealed.

Source: 6 SDR 88, effective March 3, 1980; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 44 SDR 81, effective November 6, 2017.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-9-49.

Declaratory Ruling: If a licensee of the Board of Nursing who is reported under ARSD 44:20:02:08 to have a communicable disease, such as HIV or hepatitis B, fails to follow universal precautions as set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and adopted by the South Dakota Department of Health, the Board of Nursing could discipline the licensee under SDCL 36-9-49 (5) upon proof that the licensee has negligently, willfully, or intentionally acted in a manner inconsistent with the health or safety of persons entrusted to the nurse's care or under SDCL 36-9-49 (10) upon proof that the licensee has been guilty of gross incompetence or unprofessional or dishonorable conduct. The board must investigate and decide each case individually and judge the case on its facts and circumstances. Violation of the guidelines would be evidence of a possible violation of the statutes cited but would not create an irrebuttable presumption of the violation or cause automatic disciplinary action. Testimony would have to establish whether a violation of SDCL 36-9-49 (5) or (10) occurred because of the violation of the guidelines, and the licensee could raise defenses on mitigating evidence. (Editor's Note: The Department of Health adopted guidelines for universal precautions and required health care workers to comply with them effective January 26, 1995.) South Dakota Board of Nursing Declaratory Ruling 94-4.

20:48:08:09. Dismissal of claim of misconduct. If the board's staff representative determines that the misconduct charged is frivolous, would not constitute grounds for

disciplinary action, is outside the jurisdiction of the board, or is otherwise inappropriate for board action, the representative shall advise in writing the person claiming the misconduct and the affected applicant, licensee, or registrant that the board will not pursue the matter, stating the grounds for the decision Repealed.

Source: 6 SDR 88, effective March 3, 1980; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 44 SDR 81, effective November 6, 2017.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-9-51.2.

20:48:08:10. Action by staff representative. Upon notice of claimed misconduct, the board's staff representative shall provide written notice to the applicant, licensee or registrant of the claimed misconduct. The notice shall also advise the applicant, licensee, or registrant of an opportunity to attend an informal meeting with the board's staff representative to discuss the claimed misconduct, at which the applicant, licensee, or registrant may be represented by counsel. Regardless of whether an informal meeting occurs, if the board's staff representative determines that the claimed misconduct constitutes grounds for corrective or disciplinary action, the board's staff representative shall then notify the board of the claimed misconduct for further action Repealed.

Source: 6 SDR 88, effective March 3, 1980; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 44 SDR 81, effective November 6, 2017.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-9-49, 36-9-51.2.

20:48:08:11. Investigation. The board's staff representative, or any other person designated by the board, may conduct an investigation of the claimed misconduct either before or after the informal meeting Repealed.

Source: 6 SDR 88, effective March 3, 1980; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 44 SDR 81, effective November 6, 2017.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-9-49, 36-9-51.2.

20:48:08:12. Board action following notification of misconduct. When notified by the board's staff representative of claimed misconduct under § 20:48:08:10, the board may in its discretion take one of the following actions:

- (1) Notify in writing the person claiming misconduct, the applicant, licensee, or registrant claimed to be guilty of misconduct, and all other interested or affected parties that the board will not pursue the matter further, stating the grounds for the decision;
- (2) Without a hearing take any non-disciplinary corrective action the board determines is appropriate other than a letter of reprimand, probation, or denial, revocation, suspension, annulment, withdrawal, or amendment of any application, license, or registration; or
- (3) For those actions constituting discipline under SDCL 36-9-49, including a letter of reprimand or probation, serve by mail to the last known address, upon the applicant, licensee, or registrant claimed to be guilty of misconduct and all other interested or affected parties a formal complaint together with a notice of hearing issued pursuant to SDCL 1-26. The applicant, licensee or registrant may waive a hearing or enter into a settlement agreement with the board without a hearing Repealed.

Source: 6 SDR 88, effective March 3, 1980; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 44 SDR 81, effective November 6, 2017.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-9-49, 36-9-51.2.

Cross-Reference: Contents of notice of hearing, SDCL 1-26-17.

20:48:08:14. Answer. The applicant, licensee, or registrant may file before or submit at the time of the hearing an answer admitting, denying, qualifying, or explaining any of the matters contained in the complaint or notice of hearing Repealed.

Source: 6 SDR 88, effective March 3, 1980; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 44 SDR 81, effective November 6, 2017.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-9-51.2.

20:48:08:15. Publication of board actions. The board shall publish at least biannually the final actions of all disciplinary proceedings with the exception of dismissed claims of misconduct as outlined in §§ 20:48:08:09 and 20:48:08:12(1) Repealed.

Source: 19 SDR 181, effective May 31, 1993.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-9-49.

CHAPTER 20:48:09

DECLARATORY RULINGS

(Repealed)

Section

<u>20:48:09:01</u> Petition for declaratory ruling.

20:48:09:02 Board action on petition.

20:48:09:01. Petition for declaratory ruling. Any person wishing the board to issue its ruling as to the applicability to that person of any statutory provision or rule or order of the board may file with the board a petition in substantially the following form:

State of South Dakota

Board of Nursing

Petition For Declaratory Ruling

Pursuant to the provisions of SDCL 1-26-15, I, (name of petitioner), of (address of petitioner),

am (title or capacity of petitioner), and do hereby petition the South Dakota board of nursing for

its declaratory ruling in regard to the following:

1. The state statute or board of nursing rule or order in question is: (here identify and

quote the pertinent statute, rule or order).

2. The facts and circumstances which give rise to the issue to be answered by the board's

declaratory ruling are:

3. The precise issue to be answered by the board's declaratory ruling is:

Dated at (city and state), this ____ day of _____ 19__.

(Signature of petitioner) Repealed.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 3 SDR 35, effective November 11, 1976; 12 SDR 151, 12

SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21.

Law Implemented: SDCL 1-26-15.

20:48:09:02. Board action on petition. Upon receipt of the petition, the board may

request from the petitioner such other or further information as may be required by it for the

issuance of its ruling. Within 30 days following the receipt of the petition, or within 30 days

following receipt of such further requested information, the board shall issue its declaratory

ruling and serve a copy of same by mail upon the petitioner Repealed.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 3 SDR 35, effective November 11, 1976; 12 SDR 151, 12

SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21.

Law Implemented: SDCL 1-26-15.

CHAPTER 20:48:11

CONTESTED CASES

(Repealed)

Section

20:48:11:01 Petition for hearing.

<u>20:48:11:02</u> Notice of hearing.

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-Cross-References: Procedure to follow in contested cases, SDCL 1-26-16 to 1-26-29.

20:48:11:01. Petition for hearing. In a contested case, as defined in subdivision (2) of SDCL 1-26-1, including disciplinary proceedings, a person aggrieved by an action of the board taken without a hearing may, within 30 days following the date of the board action, petition the board for a hearing which shall be held not later than 60 days following receipt of the petition Repealed.

Source: 3 SDR 35, effective November 11, 1976; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21.

Law Implemented: SDCL 1-26-16, 1-26-18.

20:48:11:02. Notice of hearing. Not less than 20 nor more than 30 days before the date set by the board for hearing in a contested case, the board shall serve by mail upon all interested or affected parties a copy of the notice of hearing pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17 Repealed.

Source: 3 SDR 35, effective November 11, 1976; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21.

Law Implemented: SDCL 1-26-17.

20:48:11:03. Briefs. Any party to the hearing, upon request made before the close of the hearing, may file a written brief with the board, or with the hearing examiner if one has been appointed to conduct the hearing, within a reasonable time as fixed by the board for its filing. The board or hearing examiner may also direct the submission of written briefs and set a reasonable time for their filing Repealed.

Source: 3 SDR 35, effective November 11, 1976; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21.

Law Implemented: SDCL 1-26-18.

20:48:11:04. Decision. Except as otherwise provided in SDCL 1-26-30.1, the board shall make and enter its decision within 30 days following the hearing or the filing of briefs if they have been submitted. If a hearing examiner has conducted the hearing, the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and proposed decision of the hearing examiner shall either be accepted by the board and entered by it in its name or the board shall enter its own decision rejecting or modifying that of the examiner Repealed.

Source: 3 SDR 35, effective November 11, 1976; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21.

Law Implemented: SDCL 1-26-18.1, 1-26-25.

20:48:11:05. Petition for review. Within 10 days after receipt of the board's decision, a

party to the hearing may file with the board a petition for review of its decision. The board, in its

discretion, may deny the petition, order a rehearing, or direct any other proceedings it considers

appropriate. Upon rehearing or other proceedings, the board may affirm, reverse, or modify its

earlier decision. Notice of the board's decision on the petition to review shall be served by mail

upon the petitioner and any other affected parties within 10 days following the board's receipt of

the petition. The failure to petition for review shall not be considered a failure to exhaust

administrative remedies Repealed.

Source: 3 SDR 35, effective November 11, 1976; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective

July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21.

Law Implemented: SDCL 1-26-18.

20:48:11:06. Judicial review. A party aggrieved by a decision of the board made and

entered pursuant to this chapter may seek judicial review in accordance with SDCL 1-26-30, et

seq., whether or not a petition for review has been filed Repealed.

Source: 3 SDR 35, effective November 11, 1976; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective

July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9-21.

Law Implemented: SDCL 1-26-30.

Cross-References: Appeals from administrative agencies, SDCL 1-26-30 to 1-26-37.

CHAPTER 20:48:14

NURSING CORPORATIONS AND HEALTH CARE CORPORATION CERTIFICATES

OF REGISTRATION

Section

20:48:14:01	Application for registration Initial application.
20:48:14:02	Approval of application for registration.
20:48:14:03	Annual renewal of registration.
20:48:14:04	Denial of registration or renewal certificate.

20:48:14:01. Application for registration Initial application. An application for registration as a nursing corporation or for a certificate of registration for a health care corporation must be filed with and approved by the board before that corporation conducts the practice of nursing in South Dakota for any of the purposes listed in SDCL 47-11E-1 or 47-11F-3. The initial application for registration as a nursing corporation shall include the following:

- (1) Name of the corporation applying for registration;
- (2) The business address of the main office of the corporation;
- (3) The purpose of the corporation,
- (3) (4) A copy of the articles of incorporation of the corporation, certified by the Secretary of State, along with a certified copy of all amendments to them;
 - (4) (5) A copy of the minutes of the corporation's organizational meeting;
- (5) A sworn statement from an officer of the corporation providing the name of the professional liability insurance carrier and the policy number of insurance meeting the minimum standards contained in SDCL 47-11E-9 to 47-11E-12, inclusive. A sworn statement is not required if the articles of incorporation provide that all shareholders agree to joint and several liability as provided in SDCL 47-11E-8;
- (6) A written list that includes the names, business addresses, and nursing license numbers of all officers, directors, and shareholders of the corporation and of other employees of the corporation who are authorized to practice nursing;

(7) A sworn statement from an officer of the corporation stating that the corporation will

not hold itself out to the public as possessing any skills or expertise not possessed by nurses in

noncorporate practice and that the corporation will not do anything which if done by a nurse

employed by it would violate the standards of professional conduct established for such a nurse

pursuant to SDCL chapter 36-9 or 36-9A and this article or article 20:62; and

(8) An initial registration fee of \$100.

(9) An application for a certificate of registration for a health care corporation shall also

include:

(a). A written list that includes the names, business addresses, and license numbers of

all other health care professional officers, directors, and shareholders authorized to practice in

South Dakota or licensed under Title 36;

(b) A sworn statement that the shareholders of Corporation, members of the limited

liability company, or partners in limited liability partnership, may only be professional persons

licensed to render the kind of professional service that fit the purpose of the corporation, limited

liability company, or limited liability partnership;

(c) Include a statement that the officers and directors of corporation, the governors and

managers of limited liability company, and the partners of limited liability partnership, must be

professional persons licensed to render the kind of professional services that fit the purpose of

the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership.

Source: 23 SDR 106, effective January 1, 1997.

General Authority: SDCL 47-11E-20, 47-11F-18.

Law Implemented: SDCL 47-11E-1, 47-11E-20, 47-11F-4, 47-11F-10, 47-11F-18.

20:48:14:02. Approval of application for registration. The board shall approve an

application for registration of a nursing corporation or a certificate of registration for a health

care corporation after confirming the following:

(1) The application required by § 20:48:14:01 is complete;

(2) The registration fee required by subdivision 20:48:14:01(8) has been paid;

(3) All officers, directors, shareholders, and other employees of the corporation who are

authorized to practice nursing have active licenses issued pursuant to SDCL chapter 36-9 or 36-

9A; and

(4) No disciplinary action is pending before the board against any of the officers, directors,

shareholders, or other employees of the corporation who are authorized to practice nursing.

The initial registration is effective January 1 following the date of issuance.

Source: 23 SDR 106, effective January 1, 1997.

General Authority: SDCL 47-11E-20, 47-11F-18.

Law Implemented: SDCL 47-11E-1, 47-11E-20, 47-11F-5, 47-11F-18.

20:48:14:03. Annual renewal of registration. By November 1 of each year, each

approved nursing corporation or professional corporation shall apply in writing to the board for

renewal of its registration or certificate of registration for the following calendar year. The

nursing corporation and shall provide in writing any changes to the initial application or previous

renewal. The application shall include a renewal fee of \$25. The board shall review and approve

the renewal application after confirmation that the application meets the requirements of

§ 20:48:14:02.

Source: 23 SDR 106, effective January 1, 1997.

General Authority: SDCL 47-11E-20, 47-11F-18.

Law Implemented: SDCL 47-11E-1, 47-11E-20, 47-11F-5, 47-11F-18.

20:48:14:04. Denial of registration or renewal certificate. The board may deny the initial application for registration of a nursing corporation or a certificate of registration for a health care corporation or renewal of registration upon proof that:

- (1) The initial application or the application for renewal does not comply with \$\\$ 20:48:14:01 and 20:48:14:03, as applicable;
- (2) The nursing corporation <u>or health care corporation</u> committed fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation in its <u>initial or renewal</u> application <u>for registration or renewal of registration</u>;
- (3) The nursing corporation or health care corporation engaged in the practice of nursing before approval of its initial application pursuant to § 20:48:14:02 or after expiration and before renewal of its registration pursuant to § 20:48:14:03; or
- (4) The nursing corporation <u>or health care corporation</u>, or any of its officers, directors, shareholders, or employees authorized to practice nursing, is in violation of SDCL 47-11E-17 <u>or 47-11F-8</u>.

Source: 23 SDR 106, effective January 1, 1997.

General Authority: SDCL 47-11E-20, 47-11F-18.

Law Implemented: SDCL 47-11E-1, 47-11E-16, 47-11E-17, 47-11E-20, 47-11F-8, 47-11F-18.

CHAPTER 20:48:17

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Section

20:48:17:01. Definitions. Terms defined in SDCL chapter 36-2A has the same meaning when used in this chapter. In addition, terms used in this article mean:

- (1) "Applicant," an individual who has applied to enter the board's program;
- (2) "Discharge," release of a participant from the program after successfully meeting program requirements;
- (3) "Participant," an individual who has been accepted and enrolled in the board's program;
- (4) "Termination," release of a participant from the program prior to fulfilling the terms of the participation agreement.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 36-2A-14.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-2A-1, 36-2A-1.1, 36-2A-14.

20:48:17:02. Program personnel qualifications and duties. The board may employ or

contract individuals to serve as program personnel. The board's executive director may appoint

a program director who is licensed, or has a privilege to practice, in South Dakota as a health

care professional and possesses knowledge in mental health and substance use disorders. The

program director shall report to the executive director of the board. Program personnel duties

may include, but are not limited to the following:

(1) Coordinating the evaluation committee;

(2) Facilitating the application and intake process;

(3) Developing participation agreements;

Case managing and coordinating a participant's compliance and continuing care with (4)

a qualified provider;

(5) Evaluating substance use and mental health treatment programs and health care

providers for use by participants;

(6) Providing written reports to the board; and

(7) Maintaining participant records pursuant to 20:48:17:14.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 36-2A-14.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-2A-2, 36-9-15, 36-9-16, 36-2A-14.

20:48:17:03. Evaluation committee qualifications and duties. The board shall appoint

an evaluation committee comprised of a minimum of three members. Committee members shall

hold licensure as health care providers with expertise in treating substance use or mental health

disorders. Each committee member shall serve a term of three years; no member may be

appointed to more than three consecutive terms. If a vacancy occurs, the board shall appoint a

person to fill the unexpired term. The appointment of a person to an unexpired term is not

considered a full term. No committee member may serve on a licensing board or as an officer in

a professional organization. Action taken by the committee pursuant to this article may be

performed by a majority of members. Committee members shall maintain the confidentiality of

participant records according to state and federal requirements. The committee shall meet the

requirements of chapter 1-25 regarding open meetings. The program director shall convene the

committee as often as needed to perform the following duties:

(1) Provide recommendations on the development of program policies;

(2) Approve substance use and mental health treatment programs or health care providers

for use by participants;

(3) Provide recommendations on a participant's enrollment status in the program;

(4) Approve individualized program participation agreements and return to work

requirements;

(5) Evaluate a participant's progress and recommend changes as needed;

(6) Evaluate and make recommendations on a participant's toxicology results; and

(7) Provide recommendations on reporting an applicant or participant to the board.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 36-2A-14

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-2A-2, 36-2A-14.

20:48:17:04. Standards for approval of treatment programs and health professionals.

Program personnel shall maintain a list of approved mental health or substance use disorder

treatment programs and qualified health professionals for use by program participants. Qualified

treatment programs shall hold state or national accreditation and be in good standing. Qualified

health professionals shall be licensed or certified in South Dakota, or have a privilege to practice

in the state, be in good standing, and authorized to provide treatment or services for substance

use or mental health disorders. Approved health professionals shall agree to:

(1) Perform a comprehensive substance use or mental health assessment and forensic

evaluation;

(2) Use standardized psychological tests and questionnaires;

(3) Provide recommendations to program personnel on a participant's ability to safely

return to practice; and

(4) Report a participant who has a positive drug screen, exacerbation of psychiatric

symptoms, threatens to leave treatment against medical advice, or other non-compliance

concerns to program personnel.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 36-2A-14

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-2A-2, 36-2A-9, 36-2A-14.

20:48:17:05. Voluntary enrollment. An individual may be voluntarily enrolled in the

program upon meeting the application requirements in 20:48:17:07 and the following eligibility

criteria:

(1) Does not have a history of nursing practice involving significant harm or death to a

patient;

(2) Has not engaged in the diversion of drugs or substances for the purpose of sale or

distribution to others;

(3) Has not engaged in behavior that has a high potential to cause patient harm;

(4) Has not fraudulently written a prescription;

(5) Has not been convicted of criminal behavior that includes crimes involving sexual

misconduct, violence, or threatening behavior;

(6) Does not have a history of disciplinary action against a license that would prohibit licensure in South Dakota or is not under investigation that may result in discipline leading to probation, suspension, or revocation of license.

Program personnel shall maintain the confidentiality of participants and not publicly share participant information. Participants accepted in the program will be issued a single state nursing license. Participants who fail to comply with the terms of the program or participation agreement may be denied admission or terminated from the program and reported to the board.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 36-2A-14.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-2A-1.1, 36-2A-2, 36-2A-7, 36-2A-8, 36-2A-14.

20:48:17:06. Board ordered enrollment. An individual who is required under a board of nursing order to participate in the program, is pending board action, or does not meet the requirements for voluntary enrollment, and who completes the requirements in 20:48:17:07, shall be enrolled in the program by program personnel. Participants accepted in the program will be issued a single state nursing license. Participants who fail to comply with the terms of the program or participation agreement may be terminated from the program and reported to the board.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 36-2A-14.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-2A-2, 36-2A-7, 36-2A-8, 36-2A-14.

20:48:17:07. Application and admission to program. Applicants for admission to the program shall:

(1) Provide a written application to program personnel containing evidence the applicant holds a nursing license in South Dakota or may apply for a South Dakota nursing license and is

eligible for licensure, or is enrolled as a nursing student in an education program located in South

Dakota;

(2) Agree to complete an admission interview with program personnel and provide

documentation from an approved health care provider of the applicant's current condition or

diagnosis and treatment plan identifying the applicant has a mental health or substance use

related issue; and the completion, or confirmed start date, of treatment for substance use or

mental health disorder at an approved treatment facility;

(3) Agree to provide written authorization to allow program personnel access to any

medical records from health care providers or treatment facilities;

(4) Sign a participation agreement that meets the requirements in 20:48:17:08 and

complete toxicology screening within ten business days of application to the program;

(5) Agree to meet with program personnel on a quarterly basis to review progress and

compliance in the program; and

(6) Agree to pay costs or fees associated with the program.

Program personnel may recommend or refer participants to approved treatment programs

or health care providers. An applicant who refuses to cooperative with the admission process

may be reported to the board.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 36-2A-14

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-2A-2, 36-2A-6, 36-2A-7, 36-2A-14.

20:48:17:08. Program participation. Participants must have on file a signed

participation agreement developed by program personnel and approved by the evaluation

committee. Program personnel may provide a copy of the participation agreement to the

participant, the participant's medical provider, or the work site monitor. Program personnel shall

provide a copy of the agreement to the board for individuals required under a board of nursing

order to participate in the program. The agreement shall outline standard and individualized

conditions based on symptoms and a participant's practice setting. Participation agreement's

may include, but are not limited to:

(1) Treatment and continuing care;

(2) Return to practice conditions or limitations, such as restrictions on workplace

settings, hours or shifts worked, access to medications, training personnel;

(3) Employment status;

(4) Work site monitoring;

(5) Medication use;

Toxicology screening; (6)

(7) Support group participation; or

(8) Filing of reports.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 36-2A-14

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-2A-2, 36-2A-6, 36-2A-9, 36-2A-14.

20:48:17:09. Return to practice requirements. A participant who has agreed to refrain

from practice may return to nursing practice upon submitting evidence of the following:

(1) Compliance with the signed participation agreement;

(2) Identification and approval of a worksite monitor. The worksite monitor must hold

an unencumbered license or privilege to practice in South Dakota as a health care professional

and be in a supervisory role or capable of observing the participant's work performance;

(3) Receipt of a signed release of information from the participant to allow program

personnel to communicate with the worksite monitor and access employment information;

(4) Receipt of a signed agreement from the worksite monitor or employer agreeing to

supervise the participant according to requirements listed in the participation agreement and to

submit evaluations of the participant's work performance to program personnel upon request.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 36-2A-14.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-2A-9, 36-2A-14.

20:48:17:10. Monitoring guidelines. Participants enrolled for substance use issues shall

submit required lab specimens for toxicology testing to the program's approved testing vendors in

the manner required by the testing vendor. The frequency and type of toxicology tests shall be

determined by program personnel or the participant's board order. Participants shall submit

specimens for baseline toxicology screening within the first ten days of enrollment in the program,

thereafter, a participant shall contact the vendor daily, or as required by program personnel, to

determine if submission of a specimen is required.

Program personnel shall evaluate positive or abnormal toxicology results and may seek

review of the results by the evaluation committee or a participant's approved treatment provider.

Failure by a participant to contact the vendor, submit specimens as required, or abnormal or

positive toxicology result may result in the participant being reported to the board.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 36-2A-14.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-2A-9, 36-2A-14.

20:48:17:11. Failure to comply with program requirements. Program personnel may

request a participant who fails to comply with program requirements to sign a voluntary refrain

from practice and to extend the length of the participation agreement. A participant who fails to

comply may be reported to the board. A participant who fails to sign a voluntarily refrain from

practice shall be reported to the board and may be terminated from the program. Failure to

comply incidences may include, but are not limited to:

(1) A positive toxicology screen;

(2) An unexcused, missed, tampered with, or abnormal drug screen;

(3) Failure to follow prescribed medical treatment;

(4) A violation of the participation agreement;

Employment or practice concerns; or (5)

An arrest or violation of law. (6)

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 36-2A-14.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-2A-9, 36-2A-14.

20:48:17:12. Leave of absence. Participants may apply for a leave of absence from the

program. The program director or evaluation committee may approve a leave of absence request

from a participant. A participant who completes a leave of absence may return to the program

after meeting eligibility requirements established by program personnel or the evaluation

committee; the participant's participation agreement may be amended or lengthened. A

participant who fails to meet requirements to return to the program shall be reported to the board.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 36-2A-14

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-2A-2, 36-2A-8, 36-2A-9, 36-2A-14.

20:48:17:13. Discharge criteria. A participant who completes the terms of a participation

agreement and applicable board order, may apply for discharge from the program. A participant's

request may be approved by the program director upon receipt of the participant's application and

the following documentation:

(1) The participant's written plan for continued wellness or recovery;

(2) A recommendation from the participant's worksite monitor or employer supporting

discharge;

A recommendation from the participant's approved treatment provider supporting (3)

discharge;

(4) A recommendation by the evaluation committee supporting discharge; and

(5) A period of negative toxicology screens for a participant enrolled with substance use

issues.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 36-2A-14.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-2A-2, 36-2A-14.

20:48:17:14. Participant records. Program personnel shall maintain applicant and

participant records including, but not limited to, name, license number, referral information,

board orders, intake information, signed and dated participation agreement, authorizations for

release of confidential information, treatment reports, case management notes, correspondence,

compliance and monitoring documentation, and quarterly reports.

Program personnel shall maintain the confidentiality of participant records, and of an

individual or entity who refers a participant to the program, according to federal and state laws.

Participant records shall be stored in a secured format and provided in a confidential manner to

the evaluation committee, medical providers in an emergency situation, law enforcement upon

threats to commit a crime, state or local authorities for suspected child or elder abuse or neglect,

or other parties upon the participant's voluntary written release of the information. Following

discharge from the program, program personnel shall maintain a participant's records according

to the state records and retention schedule.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 36-2A-14

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-2A-14.

20:48:17:15. Reporting requirements. Program personnel shall report and provide

participant or applicant records to the board on an applicant or participant that:

(1) Refuses to complete admission requirements into the program when the applicant is

found to have an issue or disorder that affects the applicant's ability to practice safely;

(2) Is denied admission or terminated from the program for diverting controlled

substances for other than personal use, engaging in sexual misconduct, or is deemed by program

personnel to be too great a risk to the public;

(3) Fails to maintain on file a signed participation agreement; or

(4) Fails to comply with the terms of the participation agreement.

Program personnel shall provide the board quarterly reports on mandated program

participants including, but not limited to, the participant's name, enrollment date, progress and

compliance in the program, and evaluation committee recommendations. The program director

shall provide an annual report of activities summarizing program and participant statistics to the

board.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 36-2A-14.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-2A-2, 36-2A-13, 36-2A-14.

20:48:17:16. Program participation fees. The costs incurred through participation in the

program are the responsibility of the participant. Failure to pay may be cause for termination

from the program or reporting to the board.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 36-2A-14.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-2A-14.

ARTICLE 20:62

NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND MIDWIVES

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DECLARATORY RULINGS

(Repealed)

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20:62:05:01 Petition for declaratory ruling.

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20:62:05:01. Petition for declaratory ruling. A person wishing the board to issue the board's rulings as to the applicability to the person of statutory provision or rule or order of the board may file with the board a petition in substantially the following form:

State of South Dakota

Board of Nursing

Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Pursuant to the provisions of SDCL 1-26-15, I, (name of petitioner), of (address of petitioner), am (title or capacity of petitioner), and do hereby petition the South Dakota Board of Nursing for their declaratory ruling in regard to the following:

1. The state statute, rule, or order in question is as follows: (here identify and quote the pertinent statute, rule, or order).

2. The facts and circumstances which give rise to the issue to be answered by the board's declaratory ruling are as follows: (here set forth the facts).

3. The precise issue to be answered by the board's declaratory ruling is as follows: (here state the question to be answered).

Dated at (city and state), this _____ day of _____ . 19 ...

(signature of petitioner) Repealed.

Source: 9 SDR 126, effective April 13, 1983; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 45 SDR 9, effective July 30, 2018.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9A-41.

Law Implemented: SDCL 1-26-15.

20:62:05:02. Action by board on petition. Upon receipt of the petition, the board may request from the petitioner any other information they may require for the issuance of their ruling. Within 90 days following the receipt of the petition or within 90 days following receipt of the requested information, the board shall issue their declaratory ruling and serve a copy of it by mail upon the petitioner Repealed.

Source: 9 SDR 126, effective April 13, 1983; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 45 SDR 9, effective July 30, 2018.

General Authority: SDCL 36-9A-41.

Law Implemented: SDCL 1-26-15.